

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Bentwich, Itzhak
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Examiner: ANGELL, JON E.
Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE
GROUP OF NOVEL VIRAL
REGULATORY GENES AND USES
THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2006 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rule of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

Submitted herewith is a Petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee of \$450 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), which extends the deadline for filing a response to May 8, 2007.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above reference number.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this response; and **Remarks** begin at page 3.